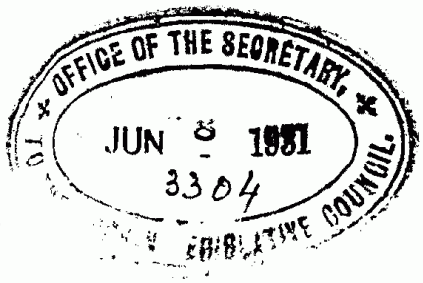

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, *the* *16th of February 1931.* / *4th of Kumbham 1106.*

The House met for the first day of the Kumbham Session of 1106 at half-past eleven of the clock on Monday, the 16th of February 1931 (4th of Kumbham 1106) with the President in the Chair. Messrs V. V. Annapadmanabha Aiyar, C. Barton Wright, P. C. Chanchan, T. K. Nayar, K. T. Mathew, Ouseph P. Kundukulam, K. Ramunny Menon and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

Swearing in of New Members.

Messrs. I. N. Menon and Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council:—Before we proceed to the business of the day, I should like to take this opportunity for extending to all the Hon'ble Members a warm welcome to this meeting. Owing to the imminence of the Census, in which many of the Government officials are engaged in some capacity or other, it has become necessary to fix the term of this meeting at 3 days instead of the usual 5 days. There is not a large volume of legislative work and the time available will be sufficient to dispose of the work and also other business. In conclusion, I must request all the Hon'ble Members to extend to the Chair that support which has been the tradition of this House. (*Hear, hear*). We shall now proceed to the business of the day—first item, Questions and Answers.

Questions and Answers.

Works in Panchayats.

186. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the names of the Panchayats which have in any of the following years utilized more than the amounts provided for them in the budget for the years (i) 1101, (ii) 1102, (iii) 1103 and (iv) 1104;

(b) the excess amount made use of by each of them annually in the above period;

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